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Secretary Vinson announced today that the United States Mint will begin striking the Franklin D. Roosevelt dime tomorrow morning.

Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, stated that on and after February 5, the new coins will be released over the country through the Federal Reserve banks and branches as well as through the cashier of the Treasury.

The ten-cent piece commemorating the late President and designed by John R. Sinnock, the Mint's chief engraver, is of exactly the same size and metallic content as the dime now circulating. The "head", or obverse side, bears a portrait of Mr. Roosevelt facing left, the word LIBERTY around the left border, in the lower left field IN GOD WE TRUST, and the date, 1946, in the lower right field.

The reverse side carries the torch of liberty centered with the olive branch of peace on the left, and to the right the oak branch signifying strength and independence; inscribed around the upper border is UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; around the lower border ONE DIME; across the lower field appears E PLURIBUS UNUM.

The winged Liberty head dimes now outstanding will continue to circulate, Mrs. Ross said; but no more will be minted. The first ten-cent coins bearing the pattern created thirty years ago by Adolph A. Weinman, were struck in 1916. As of late December, 1945, when the last of the Liberty dimes passed through the presses, the Mint had put out a total of 2,677,232,448 of these coins.

The new Roosevelt dime is the fourth portrait coin in the present series, all of which honor former presidents. The others are the Lincoln penny, the Washington quarter, and the Jefferson nickel.

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